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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed September 21, 2011, under 37 CFR 1.378(e) requesting reconsideration of a prior decision which refused to accept under 37 CFR 1.378(c) the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The request to accept the delayed payment of the maintenance fee is **GRANTED**.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

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